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No Election This Year

Many important and interesting events have happened, are sappening and will happen during the year 1949. In various respects, it will be an outstanding period in the history of this country and of the world; but there is one thing we may be sure will not happen—there will be no presidential election in the United States.

Let us all breathe a big sigh of relief!

A year ago now, we were in the midst of one of the most hectic and strenuous political campaigns within the memory of the present generation. A president and vice-president and other important officers were to be elected and the nation was in a turmoil. Special trains were running up-and-down the country, speeches were being made in every city, town and village, every time the train stopped, there was a burst of eloquence from the rear platform, the newspapers were filled with political news and pictures, rival candidates spoke constantly day-and-night over the radio, there were political meetings and conventions and spectacular parades were staged in various places which were viewed by thousands. As far as we know, about the only sort of a political demonstration which wasn't staged was an old fashioned torchlight procession and there may have been a few of those which escaped the observant eyes of the reporters. However, the torchlight procession isn't seen much any more for it belonged to the a horse and buggy era.

All-in-all, it was a great political campaign which was held in the United States in the year 1948 and excitement ran high for many months. With three presidential candidates and a host of others bidding for votes, interest in the outcome increased from day-to-day and the issues were discussed in every home, in every store and office and on every street corner from early Spring until late Fall.

Finally, the campaign came to a smashing climax on election day in bleak November when the voters of the United States marched to the polls and registered their verdict.

One of the hottest political fights in history came to an end with a landslide and an avalanche of votes and, then, suddenly, the people of Nebraska woke up one morning to behold an avalanche

Luckily, the special presidential trains had stopped running or they would have been stalled in 10-foot drifts, but there was plenty of other excitement, hardship and catastrophe in this snowbound area. Many trains were stalled, cattle perished by the thousands, homes and even towns were isolated and human beings suffered from cold and hunger.

It was a dark and tragic chapter in the history of O'Neill, Nebraska and the entire Midwest, but even that came to an end at last. The weeks and months slowly passed, the cold abated, the snow melted, the sun came out, the birds began to sing, flowers bloomed again and glorious Spring arrived, followed by warm and mellow Summer days. The record-breaking political campaign of 1948 was over and so was the equally record-breaking Winter of 1948 and 1949.

It is now late Summer and there are some signs of approaching Fall, but what The Frontier would like to suggest is that the year 1949 is packed full of events which are quite as important and interesting in their way as the historic political campaign of 1948. Some of them are past and some of them are yet to occur, but they are all of great importance and interest, especially to the citizens of O'Neill and Holt county.

Obviously, 1949 will be remembered as the Diamond Jubilee year. The anniversary of the founding of the town got a tremendous send-off in the publication of The Frontier's mammoth special edition, which was read and acclaimed by people from coast-to-coast. The edition was published within a few weeks of the exact anniversary of the arrival of Gen. John C. O'Neill's

Even now, several months later, The Frontier continues to receive requests for the edition. We took pains to order a large enough press run to accommodate these requests for some weeks to

Now, after some procrastination and hesitancy on the part of civic groups, Simonson post 93 of the American Legion is reviving the celebration in earnest. The Jubilee theme will be in connection with a big parade.

Then, in addition to the Legion-sponsored celebration that is coming up, we should not forget to mention the Fourth of July festivities, the thrilling baseball games, Hay Days, Holt county fair (which is in progress this week), Tri-County fair, rodeos, roundups, parades, picnics, social events, etc., etc.,

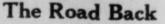
Most important of all has been the St. Anthony's hospital campaign, which is being carried on this year and which is meeting with such success.

Nor should we neglect to mention the fact that Holt county has been harvesting bounteous crops this year.

No, there is no presidential election this year, but a lot of other colorful events are occuring.

The limit has been reached. The U.S. government has commenced using singing commercials.

The farmer's foes are legion and are always lying in wait for





Prairieland Talk -

Dozen Towns May Be Without Rail Service If C & N W Has Its Way

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

shining sheet of copper, Montana Jack Sul-



from Butte, Mont., a poem of rare beauty. I do not know the author whose fingers have brought to us the fragrance of the rose and the charm of living things.

Romaine Saunders

AN ANTHEM OF LIFE I have loved all life and the joy of life-

Laughter and lilting song, And the surging tide and the swinging stride Of a man who is straight and

strong. have loved the marvelous flight of birds And the blue of a Summer

And the lonely way at the break of day When the wind goes whispering by.

have loved the earth with a passionate love, And the silent spell of the

LINCOLN - Typewritten on And the purple floor of the mighty moor

> And the scent of the daffodils. I have loved the gold of the sunset clouds And the Springtime snow on

the thorn the silken gown of the And thistledown And the poppies among the corn.

I have loved the first keen kiss of the frost That is wine and fire to the

blood, And the wheel that cuts through the frozen ruts,

And the roar of the mountain flood, And the mellow peace of the Sabbath morn

And the homeward turn in the lane And the lamplight glow and the falling snow

That beats so soft on the pane. I have loved the silver of the

beech and birch And the stalwart stem of the And the sense of rest in a wild

bird's nest And the tints of the columbine. I have loved to lie in the meadow grass And I think I hear it grow

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Ralph N. Leidy ... O'Neill

With the sorrel red high over my head

And the daisy flowers below have loved to follow an unknown trail

Away from the haunts of men, Where the ferns grow in a graceful bow

Deep in some shaded gien. have loved the charm of the Autumn woods And the long clean track of

And the look half shy in a robin's eye As he hopped from the orchard bough.

the plough

the larch

spray And the hope so strong in a blackbird's song

And the smell of the newmown hay. I have loved the tapering balsam

tree And the tints in an ocean shell.

And the sheer delight of a starlit night Goes deeper than I can tell.

The North Western railway is asking the Interstate Commerce commission for an order to aban-I have loved the tender green of don something over 100 miles of

road running from Scribner And the delicate bramble through five countles to Oakdale. A dozen towns will be without railroad service if trains and tracks are removed. If such communities desire the thrill of trains rolling in they are going to have to furnish some business. to the railroad instead of putting it all on rubber tires.

> One Lincoln school teacher apparently found the job of teaching not a badly paid profession. The estate of this former teacher totals \$90,000. This sum remaining after some years in retirement during which time (Continued on page 3)



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